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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please amend claims 11, 13, 15-19, 23 and 25 as follows 11. (Thrice Amended) A wafer including a glide head including a plurality of rows and a plurality of columns of glide portions having air bearing surfaces formed on a surface of the wafer and an array of glide transducers on the wafer to form a plurality of glide heads.

- 13. (Twice Amended) The wafer of claim 11 wherein said surface of the wafer has a flatness less than about 3 $\mu m\,.$
- 15. (Twice Amended) The wafer of claim 11 wherein the surface of